GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Revenue Department - Smt. A.Swarnalatha. the then Special Deputy Tahsildar. a/0 Special Deputy Collector. LA Unit. Bobbili. Vizianagaram District. Presently working as Revenue Divisional Officer, Narsipatnam, Anakapalli District - Allegations of making certain double payments to the 18 assigned land beneficiaries in Kancheru Village of Bhogapuram Mandal through CFMS besides making payments by using funds arranged by the District Authority to the same assignees - Disciplinary proceedings under rule - 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Articles of charge - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.609 **Dated: 04.06.2023**

G.O.Ms.No.117, Revenue (Vigilance. I) Dept., Dt:18 03.2023

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ORDER:

In pursuance to the G.O read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt. A.Swarnalatha. the then Special Deputy Tahsildar. O/o Special Deputy Collector. LA Unit. Bobbili. Vizianagaram District Presently working as Revenue Divisional Officer, Narsipatnam, Anakapalli District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andh ra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure- I). A statement of imputations of misconduct / misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures-III).

3. Smt. A.Swarnalatha. the then Special Deputy Tahsildar. O/o Special Deputy Collector, LA Unit, Bobbili. Vizianagaram District Presently working as Revenue Divisional Officer, Narsipatnam, Anakapalli District is directed to submit, within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Smt. A.Swarnalatha. the then Special Deputy Tahsildar. a/0 Special Deputy Collector. LA Unit. Bobbili. Vizianagaram District Presently working as Revenue Divisional Officer, Narsipatnam, Anakapalli District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt. A.Swarnalatha. the then Special Deputy Tahsildar. a/0 Special Deputy Collector. LA Unit. Bobbili. Vizianagaram District Presently working as Revenue Divisional Officer, Narsipatnam, Anakapalli District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Smt. A.Swarnalatha. the then Special Deputy Tahsildar. a/0 Special Deputy Collector. LA Unit. Bobbili. Vizianagaram District Presently working as Revenue Divisional Officer, Narsipatnam, Anakapalli District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Smt. A.Swarnalatha. the then Special Deputy Tahsildar. a/0 Special Deputy Collector. LA Unit. Bobbili. Vizianagaram District Presently working as Revenue Divisional Officer, Narsipatnam, Anakapalli District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the Order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Smt.A.Swarnalatha. the then Special Deputy Tahsildar. a/0 Special Deputy Collector. LA Unit. Bobbili. Vizianagaram District Presently working as Revenue Divisional Officer, Narsipatnam, Anakapalli District (Through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri for service and to return the served copy with dated acknowledgement immediately (By RPAD))

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The District Collector, Anakapalli District.

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. A.SWARNALATHA, THE SPECIAL DEPUTY TAHSILDAR o/O SPECIAL DEPUTY COLLECTOR, LA UNIT, BOBBIL, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT.

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ARTICLE OF CHARGE :

That Smt. A.Swarnalatha, the then Special Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Special Deputy Collector, LA Unit, while attending the land acquisition work of International Green Field Airport, Bhogapuram had allegedly made certain double payments to the 18 assigned land beneficiaries in Kancheru Village of Bhogapuram Mandal through CFMS besides making payments by using funds arranged by the District Authority to the same assignees. . As a Deputy Tahsildar, before making payments to the above assignees she should ensure whether any payments were made to the assignees of Kancheru Village, Bhogapuram Mandal in respect of each beneficiary duly verifying the previous payments, files and cash book register etc. But she had failed to do so, which lead to allow double payments to the assignees.

Thus, Smt. A.Swarnalatha, the then Special Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Special Deputy Collector, LA Unit by his above mentioned acts, has failed to discharge his legitimate duties, showed negligent attitude in protecting the interests of the Government and carelessness in official duties, which is unbecoming of a Government Servant . Thus the individual has violated Rule 3-B of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. A.SWARNALATHA, THE SPECIAL DEPUTY TAHSILDAR o/O SPECIAL DEPUTY COLLECTOR, LA UNIT, BOBBILI, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT.

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Government have proposed for acquisition of land in certain villages of Bhogapuram Mandal for establishment of International Green Field Airport, Bhogapuram. Vide Collector proceedings Dt.28.11.2022, appointed the following Special Deputy Collectors as Competent Authority for Land Acquisition:

Sl. No.	Name of the Deputy Collector	Villages entrusted for acquisition of land
1	Special Deputy Collector, LA Unit, Bobbili	Munjeru, Kongavanipalem and Kancheru Villages
2	Special Deputy Collector, KRRC, Vizianagaram	Gudepuvalasa
3	FSO, VZM & Special Deputy Collector (LA), TBP Unit-III, Parvathipuram	Kavulavada, Ravada, A.Ravivalasa

As part of Land Acquisition, the Special Deputy Collector, LA Unit, Bobbili had made certain payments to the certain assigned lands in Kancheru Village, Bhogapuram Mandal. Further, she has stated that subsequently, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Vizianagaram was appointed as competent authority for attending the entire Land Acquisition works in all the villages of Bhogapuram Mandal for International Green Field Airport at Bhogapuram duly withdrawing Deputy Collectors dealing with the Airport Land Acquisition works vide Rc.No.566/2022/A7, Dt.21.02.2022 of the Collector, Vizianagaram.

Further, all the above Special Deputy Collectors are directed to hand over the entire Land Acquisition works of International Green Field Airport at Bhogapuram along with all the Bank Accounts, Cash Books, connected files, etc., to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Vizianagaram immediately and all documents and records too.

Further stated that Revenue Divisional Officer, Vizianagaram has reported that the then Special Deputy Collector, LA Unit, Bobbili have made certain double payments to the 18 assigned land beneficiaries in Kancheru Village of Bhogapuram Mandal through CFMS and further they have also made payments by using funds arranged by the District Authority to the same assignees.

The then Special Deputy Collector, LA Unit, Bobbili had sent a request letter to the Asst., Pay & Accts Officer (W&P), Vizianagaram vide Rc.No.22/2018 LADT, Dt.15.04.2021 of the Special Deputy Collector, LA, Bobbili stating that some of the assigned land compensation bills relating to assignees of Kancheru Village were presented through CFMS for clearance during the period from June 2019 to 2020 and requested to cancel all the above pending bills as the payments were made by using the funds arranged by the District Authority.

The Revenue Divisional Officer, Vizianagaram has been requested to submit detailed report on double payments, in Kancheru Village of Bhogapuram Mandal and also about staff & officers involved to fix-up responsibility for the double payments made who in turn has reported that the following are the assignees who had received double payments along with CFMS codes.

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Statement showing the Assigned lands Double Payments made through CFMS of Kancheru village of Bhogapuram Mandal International Greenfield Airport, Bhogapuram:

Sl. NO.	Name of the Assignee	Excess payment made through CFMS	CFMS Code	Amount Recovered	Balance to be recovered
1	Venkata Ramana Koyya	187500	1001709143	187500	0
2	Appalanarasayya Baireddi	637500	1001687514	637500	0
3	Venkayamma Byreddi	625000	1001694489	625000	0
4	Durgayyareddy Byreddi	650000	1001694452	650000	0
5	Thotamma Koyya	200000	100694504	200000	0
6	Chittibabu Byreddi	325000	1002200392	325000	0
7	Kondamma Byreddi	325000	1002199956	320000	5000
8	Adhi Kotipalli	450000	1001694408	40000	410000
9	Narasayyamma Kotipalli	450000	1002209814	80000	370000
10	Appalaguruvulu Koyya	187500	1002209628	30000	157500
11	Bangari Koyya	200000	1001694360	49000	151000
12	Bangarappadu Kotipalli	437500	1001694064	104000	333500
13	Perayya Kotipalli	450000	1001694571	100000	350000
14	Pentayya Mokka	1750000	1001711945	400000	1350000
15	Pydithalli Kotipalli	500000	1001688239	100000	400000
	Total	7375000		3848000	3527000

The Revenue Divisional Officer, Vizianagaram has also reported that the following employees have worked in the office of the Special Deputy Collector, LA, Bobbili during the above period:

Sl. No.	Name of the D.O	Presently working as
1	Sri H.V.Jayaram, Special Deputy Collector, LA, Bobbili	Revenue Divisional Officer, Narsipatnam Revenue Division of Anakapalli District
2	Sri T.Ramakrishna, Special Deputy Tahsildar	Tahsildar, L.Kota Mandal
3	Smt.A. Swarnalatha, Special Deputy Tahsildar, O/o SDC, LA, Bobbili	
4	Sri B.Bhanumurty, Special Deputy Tahsildar O/o SDC, LA, Bobbili	Retired from service
5	Sri T.V.Sairam, Computer Operator (Out Sourcing) O/o SDC, LA, Bobbili	Outsourcing
6	Smt. M.Manjusha, Office Subordinate O/o DSO, Vizianagaram (Deputation)	Junior Assistant in Parvathipuram Manyam District

Further, the Collector has stated that on the above report, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Vizianagaram has been requested to submit specific remarks about entrusted duties, deviations/negligence taken place in respect of each of above persons so as to fix up responsibility for double payments made to the assignees of kancheru Village, Bhogapuram Mandal to initiate further disciplinary action against the officers concerned.

The Revenue Divisional Officer, Vizianagaram has reported that as per observation, the bills of payment of exgratia to the assignees of Kancheru Village through CFMS were prepared vide Proceedings Rc.No.17/2019, Dt.18.12.2019 by the Special Deputy Tahsildar (T.Ramakrishna, presently working as Tahsildar, Jami) and signed by the Special Deputy Collector (H.V.Jayaram) again the same amount, proceedings for payment of exgratia to the same assignees of Kancheru Village through check NEFT/RTGS were prepared by the Special Deputy Tahsildar (A.Swarnalatha, LA, Bobbili) was also processed vide Proceedings Rc.No.06/2020/LADT, Dt.15.09.2020 of the Competent Authority (LA) (IGFA) & Special Deputy Collector (LA), Bobbili.

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Further, reported that it is the primary responsibility of the sanctioning authority i.e., the Land Acquisition Officer, Special Deputy Collector (LA), Bobbili for approval of the payments to be made in favour of the assignees whose lands were resumed for the said purpose.

The Revenue Divisional Officer, Vizianagaram has also reported that the Deputy Tahsildars who had worked in the said Land Acquisition Unit in that period were also responsible as they have to prepare the bills for payment of compensation after thorough verification for the approval of the Competent Authority. The following employees were held primarily responsible for the lapses occurred during that period and common disciplinary action has to be initiated against them.

1. Sri H.V.Jayaram, former Special Deputy Collector, LA, Bobbili presently working as Revenue Divisional Officer, Narsipatnam Revenue Division of Anakpalli District.

2. Sri T.Ramakrishna, Special Deputy Tahsildar presently working as Tahsildar, L.Kota Mandal.

3. Smt. A. Swarnalatha, Special Deputy Tahsildar O/o Special Deputy Collector, LA, Bobbili.

Thus, the above conduct on the part of Smt. A. Swarnalatha, Special Deputy Tahsildar O/o Special Deputy Collector, LA, Bobbili amounts to failure to maintain devotion to duty and failed to take all possible steps ensuring maintenance of integrity and devotion to duty by all concerned subordinates working under his control violating Rule 3(1) & 3(5) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 warranting disciplinary action under Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control & Appeal) Rules,1991. Hence, the change..

Hence the charge.

G.SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS THROUGH WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. A.SWARNALATHA, THE SPECIAL DEPUTY TAHSILDAR O/o SPECIAL DEPUTY COLLECTOR, LA UNIT, BOBBILI, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAIINED .

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1. Rc.No.315/2021/LRDT/Dt.08.07.2022 of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Vizianagaram.
2, Rc.No.315/2021/LRDT/Dt.01.10.2022 of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Vizianagaram.
3. Rc.No.315/2021/LRDT/Dt.17.11.2022 of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Vizianagaram.
4. Rc.No.2439/2022/A7, Dt.28.11.2022 of the Collector, Vizianagaram.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. A.SWARNALATHA, THE SPECIAL DEPUTY TAHSILDAR O/o SPECIAL DEPUTY COLLECTOR, LA UNIT, BOBBILI. VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE.

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